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William R. Sawyer
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1955
Education: Valparaiso 1982 JD
Began Service: May 24, 1999
Term Expires: May 31, 2013

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Huntington College

Government: United States Department of Justice, Tax Division (1986-1989); Office of the United States Attorney, Southern District of Alabama (1989-1999)

Judicial: Chief Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Alabama

Legal Practice: Clifford, Claudon, Alexa, Sawyer (1982-1986)

Staff

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United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama

Hugo L. Black U.S. Courthouse, 1729 Fifth Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203-2040
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Internet: www.alnd.uscourts.gov

Number of Judgeships: 8

Areas Covered: Counties of Bibb, Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, Clay, Cleburne, Colbert, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Greene, Jackson, Jefferson, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Morgan, Pickens, Shelby, St. Clair, Sumter, Talladega, Tuscaloosa, Walker and Winston

Court Staff

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Sharon Lovelace Blackburn
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1950
Education: Alabama 1973 BA; Cumberland 1977 JD
Began Service: July 8, 1991
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Robert Varner, United States District Court for the District of Alabama (1977-1978); Law Clerk to the Court Clerk, Alabama Supreme Court

Government: Assistant United States Attorney, Northern District of Alabama, United States Department of Justice (1979-1991)

Chambers of Chief Judge Sharon Lovelace Blackburn *continued*

Current Memberships: Birmingham Bar Association; Federal Judges Association

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U. W. Clemon
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1943
Education: Miles Col 1965 BA; Columbia 1968 JD
Began Service: 1980
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

Government: Chair, Committee on the Judiciary, Alabama State Senate (1974-1980)

Judicial: Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama

Legal Practice: Partner, Adams & Clemon (1969-1980)

Current Memberships: Alabama Lawyers Association; Birmingham Bar Association; National Bar Association

Staff

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Chambers of District Judge C. Lynwood Smith, Jr.

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C. Lynwood Smith, Jr.
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1943
Education: Alabama 1966 BA; Rutgers 1967 MA; Alabama 1971 JD
Began Service: January 4, 1996
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Academic: Research Instructor of Political Science, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (1968-1969); Lecturer in Political Science, University of Alabama - Tuscaloosa (1972-1976)

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Frank McFadden, United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama (1971-1972)

Judicial: Judge, Alabama Circuit Court, 23rd Judicial Circuit (1981-1995); Presiding Judge, Alabama Circuit Court, 23rd Judicial Circuit (1995-1996)

Legal Practice: Bell, Richardson, Cleary, McLain & Tucker (1972-1975); Partner, Hornsby, Blankenship, Higgs, Smith & Robinson (1975-1981)

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Inge P. Johnson
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1945
Education: Alabama 1970 LLM, 1973 JD
Began Service: October 23, 1998
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton



Academic: Adjunct Faculty, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen (1970-1971)

Judicial: Municipal Judge, City of Muscle Shoals (1978-1979); Presiding Judge, Alabama Circuit Court, 31st Judicial Circuit (1979-1998)

Legal Practice: Associate, Dragsted, Kromann, Norregaard & Friis (1970-1971); Partner, Johnson & Johnson (1973-1979)

Current Memberships: Alabama State Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; United States District Judges Association

Staff

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Karon O. Bowdre
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1955
Education: Samford 1977 BA; Cumberland 1981 JD
Began Service: November 8, 2001
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Academic: Professor, Cumberland School of Law, Samford University (1990-2001)

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable J. Foy Guin, Jr., United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama (1981-1982)

Legal Practice: Associate, Rives & Peterson (1982-1986); Partner, Rives & Peterson (1987-1989); Of Counsel, Rives & Peterson (1989-1990)

Staff

Judicial Assistant **Janice Tennyson** (205) 278-1800

Chambers of District Judge R. David Proctor

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R. David Proctor
District Judge

Date of Birth: December 5, 1960
Education: Carson-Newman 1983 BA; Tennessee 1986 JD
Began Service: September 24, 2003
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Clerkships: Law Clerk H. Emory Widener, Jr., United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (1986-1987)

Legal Practice: Sirote & Permutt, P.C. (1987-1993); Proctor, Lehr Middlebrooks Price (1993-2003)

Current Memberships: Alabama State Bar Association; Birmingham Bar Association

Staff

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Chambers of District Judge L. Scott Coogler

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L. Scott Coogler
District Judge

Education: Alabama 1981 BA, 1984 JD
Began Service: June 3, 2003
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Academic: Adjunct Professor, School of Law, University of Alabama - Tuscaloosa (2000-2003)

Clerkships: Law Clerk, Judge Paul Conger, Alabama Sixth Judicial Circuit Court (1984)

Judicial: Judge, Alabama Sixth Judicial Circuit Court (1999-2003)

Staff

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Chambers of District Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins

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Virginia Emerson Hopkins
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1952
Education: Alabama 1974 BA; Virginia 1977 JD
Began Service: June 2004
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Legal Practice: Attorney, Private Practice (1977-2004)

Staff

Judicial Assistant **Abby C. Westbrook** (205) 278-1950